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1. FOLLOWING PRESS TICKER QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

QUOTE. UNITED NATIONS, JUNE 7, REUTER - THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS CALLED TODAY FOR A UNITED NATIONS INQUIRY INTO WHAT IT TERMED A REIGN OF TERROR AND MASSIVE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE AFRICAN REPUBLIC OF GUINEA.

IN A COMPLAINT SIGNED BY FOUR FORMER AMERICAN AMBASSADORS TO GUINEA, THE LEAGUE ALSO ASKED U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM TO INTERCEDE WITH PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE TO
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RESTORE BASIC FREEDOMS IN HIS COUNTRY.

A 300-PAGE REPORT COMPILED BY RONALD PUMP, OF THE LAWYERS COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS, LISTED ABOUT 1,000 PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN IMPRISONED, DISAPPEARED OR BEEN CON- DEMNED TO DEATH IN GUINEA, AMONG THEM TWO FORMER U.N. AMBASSADORS ACHKAR MAROF AND DIALLO TELLI.

DIALLO TELLI BECAME SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AFTER HE LEFT THE U.N. HE WAS LISTED AS HAVING DISAPPEARED FOLLOWING IMPRISONMENT. MR. MAROF, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION, WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH IN JANUARY, 1971, AFTER HIS RETURN TO CONAKRY FROM NEW YORK, THE REPORT SAID. END QUOTE.

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